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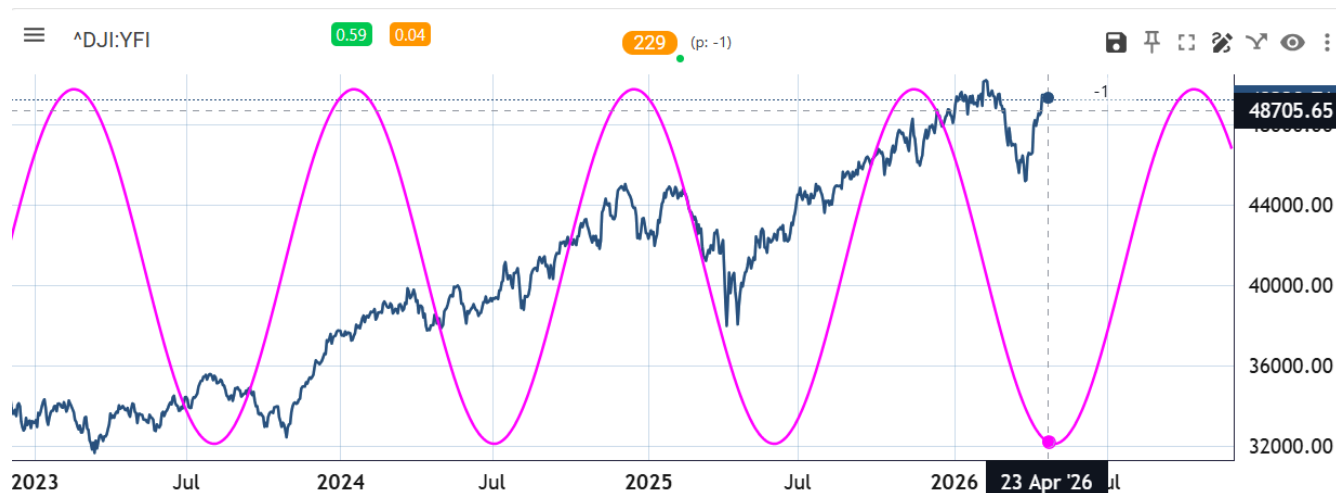
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### TRADEHIVE MARKET CYCLE DESK REPORT

#### CURRENT EQUITY, VOLATILITY, AND STRESS CYCLE ALIGNMENT

Prepared from: Dow Jones, S&P 500, Nasdaq 100, VIX, Dow VIX, Nasdaq VIX, and STLFISI Financial Stress cycle charts

### DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE CYCLE



The Dow Jones chart shows price recovering strongly back toward the upper end of the range after the recent correction. Price is near 48,705, with the cycle line having recently bottomed around late April and now turning higher.

This is constructive from a timing standpoint because the Dow appears to be moving out of a cycle trough. The issue is that price has already recovered aggressively into the turn. That means the Dow is not sitting at a clean cycle low with price depressed. Instead, price is already near prior highs as the cycle begins to rise.

Desk interpretation: the Dow has bullish recovery momentum, but not ideal entry location. The better institutional posture is to view pullbacks as potential buy opportunities as long as price holds above the recent recovery structure. Chasing strength into the prior high zone carries risk because the index is approaching resistance while the cycle has not yet fully matured.

Classification: BULLISH RECOVERY, BUT LOCATION IS EXTENDED.

## S&P 500 CYCLE



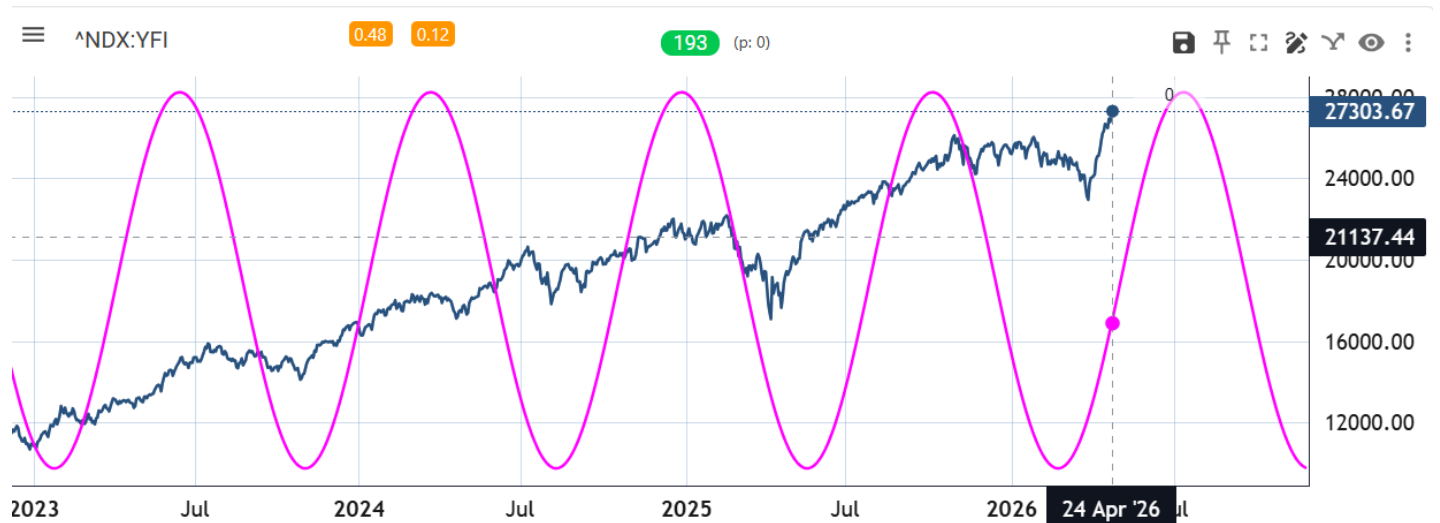
The S&P 500 chart shows price near 7,165, pressing above the prior range and trading near new highs. The cycle line is rising sharply out of the late-April cycle trough and approaching its next upper phase.

This is one of the stronger equity cycle reads on the board. The S&P is not just recovering; it is attempting to reassert leadership. Price action has already reclaimed the prior breakdown and is now pushing into an upper expansion area.

Desk interpretation: the S&P has the cleanest bullish structure among the major equity charts. However, because price is already extended while the cycle is advancing quickly, the best setup is not to chase the first breakout impulse. The better professional setup is a pullback, hold, and re-entry pattern. If the S&P pulls back into prior breakout support and holds, that would confirm institutional demand remains active.

Classification: BULLISH TREND RESUMPTION, PULLBACK PREFERRED.

## NASDAQ 100 CYCLE



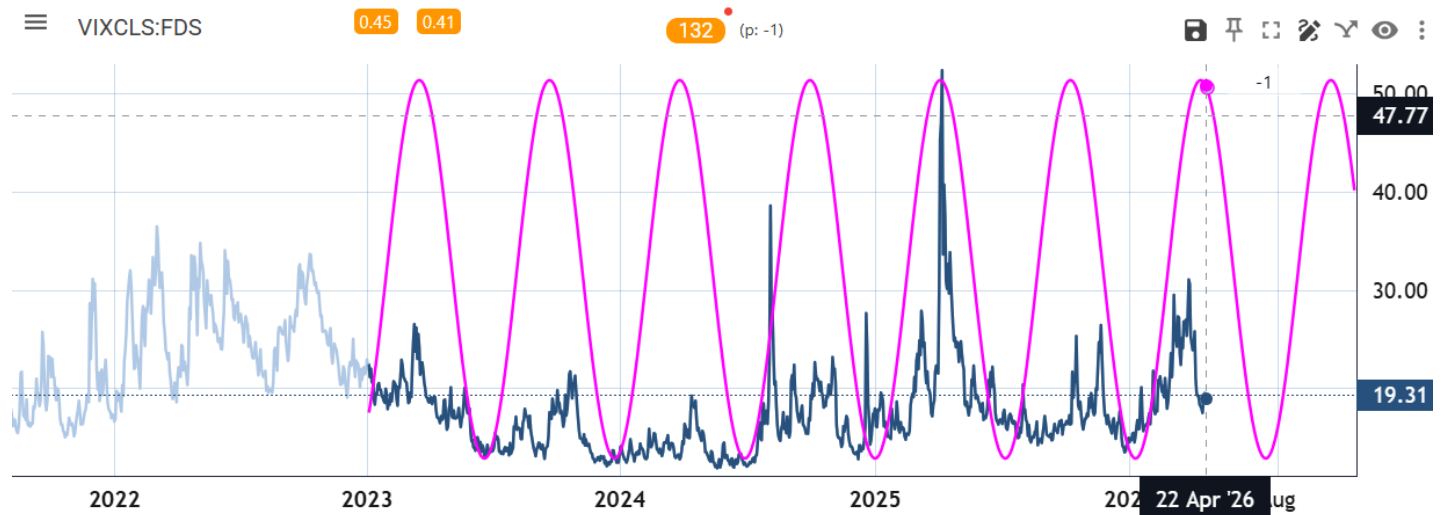
The Nasdaq 100 chart shows price near 27,303 after a powerful recovery from the prior correction. Similar to the S&P, the cycle line is rising from the late-April trough and moving toward a future crest.

The Nasdaq is showing strong upside participation. The chart suggests technology/growth has moved from correction back into leadership mode. However, the Nasdaq is also the most sensitive to volatility, rates, and risk appetite. That makes the current alignment important because the VXN cycle is not giving an entirely clean risk-on confirmation.

Desk interpretation: Nasdaq has upside momentum, but it is also the index most vulnerable if volatility re-expands or rates/dollar pressure returns. If Nasdaq holds above the reclaimed range and shallow pullbacks are bought, the next phase can remain bullish. If price fails after this sharp recovery, it would create a more dangerous bull-trap profile than the Dow or S&P.

Classification: BULLISH MOMENTUM, BUT HIGHER REVERSAL SENSITIVITY.

## VIX CYCLE



The VIX chart shows the VIX around 19.31, after a recent volatility spike into the low 30s. The cycle line appears to have recently peaked near late April and is beginning to roll lower.

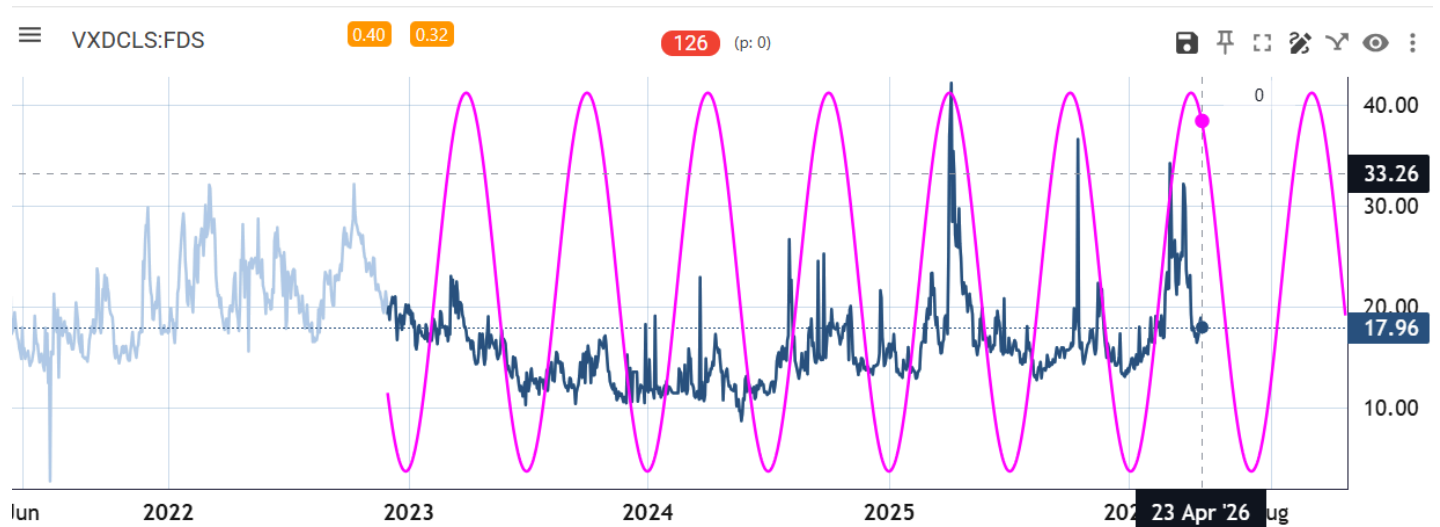
This is constructive for equities if volatility continues to fall. A declining VIX cycle typically supports risk assets because hedging pressure eases, dealer conditions can become more supportive, and traders become more willing to hold exposure.

The caution is that VIX remains above the very low complacency zone. It has cooled, but it has not collapsed. That means the market is not in a fully relaxed volatility regime yet.

Desk interpretation: VIX is moving in the right direction for equities. If VIX continues lower, it supports pullback-buying in S&P and Nasdaq. If VIX reverses back above the recent spike zone, the equity rally becomes vulnerable to a fast risk-off move.

Classification: EQUITY SUPPORTIVE, BUT NOT FULLY COMPLACENT.

## DOW JONES VIX CYCLE



The Dow VIX chart shows the index near 17.96 after a significant recent volatility expansion. The cycle line appears to be coming off an elevated phase and beginning to decline.

This supports the Dow recovery because Dow-specific volatility pressure is easing. The recent move higher in Dow volatility marked stress inside industrials and broader old-economy risk, but that stress is now cooling.

Desk interpretation: Dow VIX confirms the Dow recovery is being helped by a reduction in fear. However, the Dow VIX is still not at a deep complacency reading. The market has calmed, but the prior stress event is still recent enough that sharp reversals remain possible.

Classification: RECOVERING RISK APPETITE, VOLATILITY PRESSURE EASING.

## NASDAQ VIX CYCLE



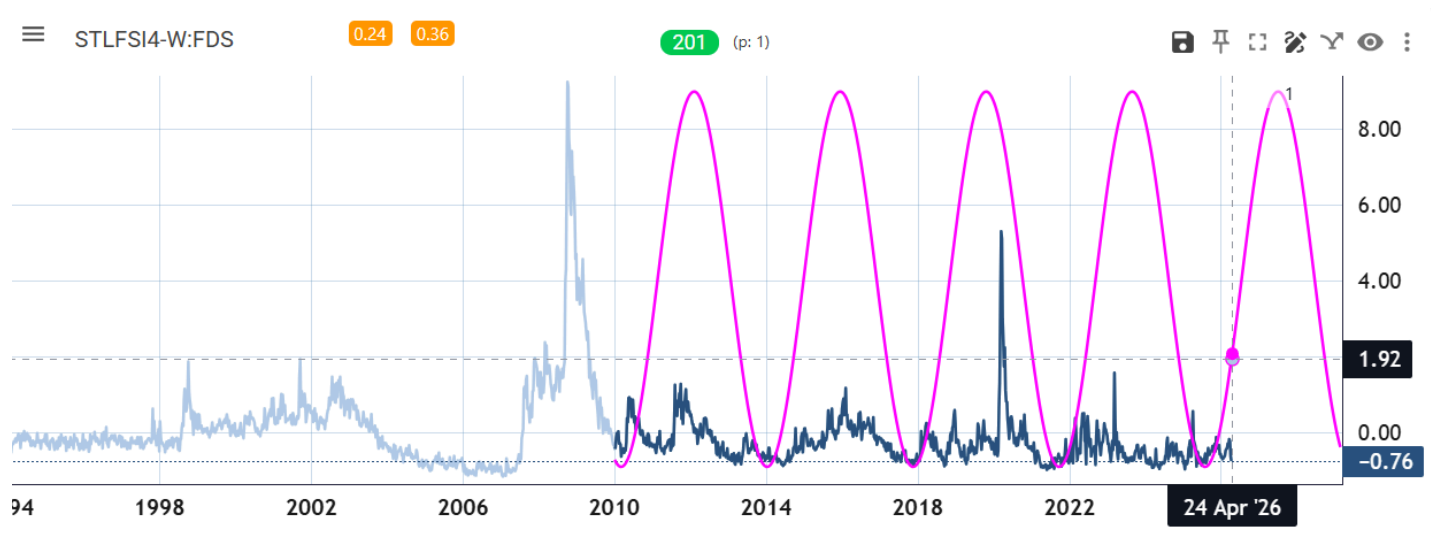
The Nasdaq VIX chart shows VXN near 23.32, with the cycle having recently peaked and now declining. However, compared to the VIX and Dow VIX, the Nasdaq volatility cycle appears more complicated. The forward cycle structure suggests another volatility upswing window may develop later.

This matters because Nasdaq is the leadership index. If Nasdaq volatility declines, growth stocks can continue squeezing higher. If Nasdaq volatility stabilizes or starts rising again while price is near highs, the Nasdaq becomes vulnerable to a failed breakout or a sharper rotation.

Desk interpretation: VXN currently supports the recovery, but it is not a clean all-clear. The Nasdaq can continue higher while VXN trends down, but any renewed rise in VXN while NDX is extended would be a warning signal.

Classification: SUPPORTIVE SHORT TERM, WATCH FOR NEXT VOLATILITY REBUILD.

## FINANCIAL STRESS INDEX CYCLE



The STLFSI weekly chart shows financial stress near -0.76, which is still a low/stable stress reading. The cycle line is near a high phase, but the actual financial stress reading remains subdued.

This is important. The cycle suggests a stress window is active or near maturity, but the actual stress data has not confirmed a major deterioration. In other words, the system is not currently showing broad financial stress, even though the timing model says the market should remain alert.

Desk interpretation: financial stress is not confirming a major risk-off event. That is supportive for equities. However, because the stress cycle is elevated, the desk should stay alert for credit/liquidity headlines, dollar funding pressure, banking stress, geopolitical shocks, or bond-market instability. If stress begins rising from here, it would be a meaningful warning. If stress remains subdued, the equity rally has room to continue.

Classification: SYSTEMIC STRESS LOW, BUT TIMING WINDOW REQUIRES MONITORING.

### BLENDING MARKET CYCLE SUMMARY

The blended cycle picture is not outright bearish. It is a controlled risk-on recovery with late-cycle caution.

The equity indexes are all recovering strongly. The S&P and Nasdaq are pushing toward or above prior highs, while the Dow has also reclaimed a large portion of its correction. Equity cycle lines are rising out of the late-April troughs, which supports continued upside participation.

The volatility complex is improving. VIX, Dow VIX, and Nasdaq VIX are all coming off recent stress peaks. That is supportive for equities because falling volatility usually allows risk assets to expand. However, volatility has not fully collapsed, and Nasdaq volatility remains the key risk monitor.

The Financial Stress Index remains stable and low, which argues against a broad systemic risk-off environment. That is one of the most important confirmations on the board. If financial stress is low, the market can absorb volatility better and maintain a bullish tape.

The main caution is location. Equities have already rallied hard while the cycle is turning higher. That means the market is not offering a clean bottoming opportunity. It is offering a trend-continuation opportunity that requires discipline.

## **DESK CONCLUSION**

The current cycle blend favors a bullish recovery/trend-continuation bias, but not an aggressive chase environment.

The preferred institutional playbook is to buy controlled pullbacks in the S&P and Nasdaq as long as volatility continues to fall and financial stress remains contained. The S&P has the cleanest structure. Nasdaq has the strongest momentum but also carries the highest volatility sensitivity. The Dow is constructive but slightly less compelling from an entry-location standpoint.

The risk to the bullish view would be a renewed rise in VIX/VXN, a failure by S&P or Nasdaq to hold reclaimed breakout levels, or a turn higher in the Financial Stress Index. Until that happens, the cycle board supports buying weakness rather than shorting strength.

## **CURRENT BLENDED CLASSIFICATION**

**Trend Condition:** BULLISH RECOVERY / TREND CONTINUATION

**Risk Condition:** IMPROVING BUT NOT FULLY CLEAN

**Volatility Condition:** COOLING FROM STRESS PEAKS

**Financial Stress Condition:** LOW AND CONTAINED

**Best Opportunity:** BUY PULLBACKS IN CONFIRMED LEADERSHIP

**Worst Opportunity:** CHASING EXTENDED UPSIDE AFTER A FAST RECOVERY

**Primary Watch Item:** NASDAQ VOLATILITY AND FINANCIAL STRESS CONFIRMATION

## **FINAL DESK READ**

The market is acting like institutions are willing to re-risk, but they are not being handed cheap location anymore. The cycle board supports the idea that the late-April trough was meaningful. The next edge is not prediction. The next edge is execution: wait for the market to pull back, see whether volatility stays contained, and then determine whether buyers defend the reclaimed structure.

As long as volatility trends lower and financial stress stays subdued, dips should be treated as opportunity. If volatility and stress turn higher while equities are extended, the desk should shift quickly from trend participation to reversal defense.

*“Stay disciplined, stay prepared, and let context guide execution.”*

***Britton Brown***  
***Founder & Chief Market Strategist***  
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